(d) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government are considering the possibility of making a suitable provision in the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 to permit transfer of claims cases of migrant workmen to Compensation Commissioners of the native States. The State Governments of Bihar, Rajasthan etc. have suggested suitable amendment in the Workmen's Compensation Act. The Government of Orissa have specifically recommended omission of the words "unless all the parties to the proceedings agree to the transfer" from the proviso to sub-section (2) of Section 21 of the Workmen's Compensation Act by a suitable amendment.

Increase in the Foreign Exchange Allocation to Newsprint Industry

2235. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Newsprint Industry is facing the shortage of imported Newsprint in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the arrangement made by Government to meet the requirements of imported newsprint;

(d) whether Government propose to increase foreign exchange allocation to the Newsprint Industry; and

(e) if so, the steps taken therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TIWARY): (a) and (b) Newsprint Industry is not facing shortage of imported newsprint.

(c) to (e) Government are importing newsprint through the State Trading Corporation of India to bridge the gap between indigenous production and consumption. Government have decided to release additional foreign exchange to the tune of Rs. 95 crores to meet the requirement of imported newsprint.

Coverage to the News and Views of Opposition Parties by News Media

2236. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Doordarshan and All India Radio do not give due coverage to the news and views of the opposition parties and leaders and these media only capitalise the negative aspects of the opposition for public consumption; and

(b) if not, what criteria Government adopt for the assessment of the news worthiness of the views of the opposition for broadcast and telecast through Doordarshan and All India Radio?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TIWARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) AIR and Doordarshan strictly adhere to the news policy and guidelines. The view points of the Ruling Party as well as the Opposition Parties are reported on the basis of their news value.

News Item Captioned 'Pepsico to Raise Stake as Project Scope Widens'

2237. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Project's scope has been widened substantially as reported in 'the Business Standard' of 13th July, 1989 under the Caption 'Pepsico to raise stake as project scope widens'; and

(b) if so, whether the soft drinks part of the project also increase substantially?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING